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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-20 (canceled).

Claim 21 (new): 1. An apparatus comprising:

a housing;

a charger disposed within the housing;

a receptacle in the charger;

a battery pack, detachably connectable to a power tool, mounted in the receptacle;

an audio circuit disposed within the housing for producing an audio signal comprising audio unrelated to the charger;

a first electrical circuit for charging the battery pack and for powering the audio circuit;

and

a connector for connecting the first electrical circuit to a power source.

Claim 22 (new): The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the connector is adapted for connection to an AC power source, and the apparatus further comprising a second electrical circuit connectable to the battery pack for powering the audio circuit when the connector is disconnected from an AC power source.

Claim 23 (new): The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the audio circuit is a radio circuit.

Claim 24 (new): An apparatus comprising:

a housing;

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a charger disposed within the housing for charging a power tool battery pack detachably connectable to a power tool;

an audio circuit disposed within the housing for producing an audio signal comprising audio unrelated to the charger;

a power supply circuit disposed within the housing for providing power to at least one of the charger and the audio circuit; and

a connector for connecting the power supply circuit to a power source.

Claim 25 (new): The apparatus of claim 24 wherein the connector is adapted for connection to an AC power source.

Claim 26 (new): The apparatus of claim 24, further comprising an electrical circuit connectable to the battery pack for powering the audio circuit when the connector is disconnected from an AC power source.

Claim 27 (new): The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the audio circuit is a radio circuit.

Claim 28 (new): A method for charging a power tool battery pack comprising:

providing an audio equipment component having a housing, a power supply disposed within the housing, a charger disposed within the housing, an audio circuit disposed within the housing for producing an audio signal comprising audio unrelated to the charger, the audio circuit being connected to the power supply;

connecting the charger to the power supply;

connecting the battery pack to the charger;

providing power to the battery pack; and

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disconnecting the battery pack from the charger.

Claim 29 (new): The method of claim 28, further comprising inserting the battery pack into a power tool.

Claim 30 (new): The method of claim 28, further comprising providing power to the audio circuit while providing power to the battery pack.

Claim 31 (new): The method of claim 28, further comprising manually switching the power supply to provide power to the audio circuit from the battery pack.

Claim 32 (new): The method of claim 28, wherein the audio circuit is a radio circuit.

Claim 33 (new): An apparatus comprising:

- a housing;

- an audio circuit for producing an audio signal disposed in the housing;

- a charger disposed in the housing;

- a receptacle in the charger;

- a battery pack detachably connectable in a power tool mounted in the receptacle;

- a first electrical circuit in the charger for charging the battery pack and for powering the audio circuit; and

- a connector for connecting the first electrical circuit to a power source.

Claim 34 (new): The apparatus of claim 33 wherein the connector is adapted for connection to an AC power source, and the apparatus further comprising a second electrical circuit connectable to the battery pack for powering the audio circuit when the connector is disconnected from an AC power source.

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Claim 35 (new): The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the audio circuit is a *radio* circuit.

Claim 36 (new): A method for charging a power tool battery pack comprising:

providing an audio equipment component having a power supply, a circuit for producing an audio signal connected to the power supply and a charger connected to the power supply;
disposing the battery pack in the charger;

providing power to the battery pack; and

removing the battery pack from the charger.

Claim 37 (new): The method of claim 34, further comprising inserting the battery pack into a power tool.

Claim 38 (new): The method of claim 34, further comprising providing power to the audio signal circuit while providing power to the battery pack.

Claim 39 (new): The method of claim 34, further comprising manually switching the power supply to provide power to the audio signal circuit from the battery pack.